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SUBJ: AMERICAN WOULD-BE PARTICIPANTS IN FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

"SUNDAY SEMINAR" DENIED MOSCOW HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

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1. PROFESSOR GEORGE WALD, NOBEL LAUREATE OF HARVARD UNIVERSITY AND DR. ROBERT GOLDBERGER OF NIH CAME TO CONGEN AT 1430 SATURDAY APRIL 16 AND REPORTED THAT THEY HAD ARRIVED IN LENINGRAD THAT MORNING AS MEMBERS OF A 12-PERSON INTOURIST GROUP, STAYING AT THE ASTORIA HOTEL. SHORTLY AFTER NOON, WALD AND GOLDBERGER WERE SUMMONED TO MEET AT THE HOTEL WITH TWO INTOURIST OFFICIALS, SOROKOUMOV AND LYASHENKO, WHO INFORMED THEM THAT, DUE TO A LACK OF HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS IN MOSCOW, IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR THE TOUR GROUP TO PROCEED TO MOSCOW AS TICKETED ON APRIL 18.

2. BOTH WALD AND GOLDBERGER ARE TRAVELLING ON ORDINARY PASSPORTS AND MADE THEIR TOUR RESERVATIONS THROUGH FINNAIR. BOTH INTENDED TO DELIVER PAPERS AT THE 5TH ANNIVERSARY SEMINAR. THE 10 OTHER MEMBERS OF THEIR TOUR GROUP ARE ASSERTEDLY UNAWARE OF THEIR PROPOSED EXTRA-  
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CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES.

3. WALD AND GOLDBERGER SOUGHT CONGEN ADVICE AS TO HOW THEY MIGHT GET TO MOSCOW. WE TOLD THEM WE THOUGHT IT MOST UNLIKELY THAT THEY COULD DO SO SINCE THEIR ARRANGEMENTS WOULD IN ANY CASE HAVE TO BE MADE BY INTOURIST. ON LEAVING CONGEN, WALD AND GOLDBERGER

SAID THEY HAD DECIDED TO TELL INTOURIST THAT THEY PLAN TO RETURN TO THE U.S. BY THE EARLIEST AVAILABLE AIR CONNECTIONS. IN SO DECIDING THEY SAID THAT THEY WERE INFLUENCED NOT ONLY BY THE IMPROBABILITY THEY COULD GET TO MOSCOW BUT BY THE FACT THAT IT WAS PATENTLY UNFAIR TO THE OTHER 10 MEMBERS OF THE TOUR GROUP THAT THEY SHOULD BE PREVENTED FROM GOING ON WITH THEIR TOUR JUST BECAUSE THE PRESENCE OF WALD AND GOLDBERGER IN MOSCOW WAS UNACCEPTABLE TO THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES. THE TWO SCIENTISTS ALSO INDICATED THAT THEY PLANNED TO DISCUSS THEIR PROBLEMS WITH MARK MELMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, COMMITTEE OF CONCERNED SCIENTISTS IN NEW YORK, IF THEY COULD REACH HIM BY PHONE. AFTER THAT THEY APPARENTLY INTEND TO CONVEY THEIR STORY TO THE PRESS, EITHER HERE OR IN MOSCOW AND CERTAINLY WHEN THEY RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES.

4. COMMENT: IT IS CLEAR THAT WALD AND GOLDBERGER WERE PREVENTED FROM GOING TO MOSCOW BECAUSE OF THEIR INTENTION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ANNIVERSARY SEMINAR. HOWEVER, SINCE THE SOVIETS HAVE CHOSEN TO PREVENT THEIR ARRIVAL IN MOSCOW THROUGH THE SUBTERFUGE OF "LACK OF HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS" THE CONSULATE GENERAL SUGGESTS THAT IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO PROTEST TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY IN MOSCOW INTOURIST'S FAILURE TO LIVE UP TO ITS TOUR COMMITMENT, THUS CAUSING INCONVENIENCE AND FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES FOR WALD AND GOLDBERGER AS WELL AS OTHER MEMBERS OF THE TOUR GROUP. CONCEIVABLY THIS COULD LEAD TO SOVIET CLARIFICATION OF THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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